who with true Filipino hospitality make them available for strangers.

Here is to Pagsanjan, worthy to be chosen as typically evidencing all that is best in a Filipino community!

OCCIDENTAL NEGROS, THE SUGAR PROVINCE [6]

The provinces in the Philippines correspond to counties in the United States. There are about fifty provinces in all. The elective officers in the regular provinces are the Provincial Governor and the two members of the Provincial Board, the three constituting the Provincial Board. The principal appointive officers are the provincial treasurer, the provincial assessor, the provincial auditor, the provincial *fiscal,* the district health officer, the district engineer, the superintendent of schools, and the secretary of the provincial board.

The foregoing paragraph makes uninteresting reading, but its inclusion is necessary as a sort of introduction to the description of a particular province. I presume every province has some claim to fame. At least Rizal does on account of its name, Cavite on account of fathering the Philippine Revolution, and Batangas on account of its superlative patriots. However, I would take you further south to the Visayas, to the wonderful Province of Occidental Negros.

The people of Occidental Negros are anything but commonplace. In revolutionary days they did not wait for the revolution proper to prosper, but daringly set up an independent government of their own. Came the sugar boom, and they took full advantage of it to develop speedy prosperity in the province. Even the women-folk are not

ordinary, for they have won names for themselves as being particularly *simpatica.* (The Spanish word does not translate fully into English as "congenial.[77])

Possibly the trait most characteristic of the good people

[6] Section read by Senator Isaac Lacson of Occidental Negros.